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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON RODOLFO PUTIGNANI

1. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN DISCREETLY OBTAIN ABOUT RODOLFO PUTIGNANI AND THE GROUP HE HEADS ENTITLED QUOTE LA COMMUNITA ITALIANA UNQUOTE. PUTIGNANI AND ASSOCIATES FROM MILAN CALLED AT DEPARTMENT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO SEEKING APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO PRESENT HAND-WROUGHT SILVER ROSES. THEY WERE REFERRED TO ITALIAN EMBASSY, AND SUBSEQUENTLY GROUP RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK JUST PRIOR TO RETURN TO MILAN AND LEFT SILVER ROSE FOR SECRETARY.

2. PUTIGNANI'S CALLING CARD IS INSCRIBED;ALLERIA DEL DIAMANTE, PALAZZO DURINI, VIA DURINI 24, MILAN. ITALIAN EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT ONLY INFORMATION IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN ABOUT PUTIGNANI IS THAT HE IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A GROUP OF MILAN BUSINESSMEN DEALING IN DIAMONDS AND GOLD; THEY ARE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY QUOTE LA COMMUNITA ITALIANA UNQUOTE, WHICH PUTIGNANI DESCRIBED AS A GROUP PROMOTING ITALO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. KISSINGER

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